Training for SC/ST engineers

4127. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the indifference of States to supplement the efforts of software giant Infosys, to train SC/ST engineers in improving their employability in corporate world, has forced the Central Government to intervene with its financial support;

(b) whether the Ministry has decided to part-finance the programmes and has informed Infosys that they would pay grant-in-aid of Rs. 45,000/ per candidate for training and Rs. 1,500/- as monthly stipend to engineers, while the company would pay the remaining cost for training and living expenses;

(c) how many States have not implmented the quota in private sector; and

(d) to what extent Government has agreed to provide help to other sectors also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) Infosys Technologies Ltd. had forwarded to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in February, 2008, a proposal of Institute of Electronic Governance, Hyderabad. The Ministry has approved the proposal forwarded by Infosys for providing coaching/training to SC students for finishing job courses under the Central Sector Scheme of Free Coaching for SC & OBC students. The expenses on the programme have to be met on public private partnership basis. The Government has agreed to provide an amount of Rs. 45,000/- per candidate and stipend @ Rs. 750/- per local student per month and Rs. 1500/- per outstation student per month.

The Ministry does not have State specific information about implementation of quota in private sector.

Reservation quota for OBCs in Tripura

4128. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that OBCs in Tripura cannot enjoy reservation in State Government services as the combined reservation quota for Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes has reached almost fifty per cent;

(b) whether there is any representation from the State to bring necessary amendment in the constitution, to cross the bar of 50 per cent limit of reservation in its case, as a special case, due to the extra ordinary circumstances; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to make a break-through, by removing legal barriers for which the OBCs of the State cannot enjoy reservation in the State services, on account of the resasons beyond the jurisdiction of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Reservation in posts and services under the State Government being a subject matter of the State, the policy in this regard is formulated by the concerned State Government.

(b) No such proposal has been received from the Government of Tripura.